

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 24, 2012

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

16600 NE 80th Street

Redmond, Washington

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lauren McCroskey, Chair; Brian Rich, Vice Chair; Rick Chouinard; Tom Hitzroth; Kji Kelly

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lorelea Hudson; Thaisa Way; Lynette Weber

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Koler; Todd Scott

GUESTS: Karen Bouton

CALL TO ORDER: Chair McCroskey called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chair Rich indicated he had suggested changes previously to Scott and those had been made. Hitzroth moved approval of the April 26, 2012 minutes as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

- **Saar Cemetery (COA 1207)** to install a new grave marker

Bouton described how she learned of the new marker, already installed in the cemetery, and indicated the monument companies are supposed to get approval prior to installation. However, this marker was installed by the applicant, a family member. Bouton indicated it is placed at a location where no burials are indicated, based on a recent ground penetrating radar project. She also indicated that she is not sure whether both of the people listed on the marker are actually buried in the cemetery. Koler indicated that staff could send a letter to regional monument companies informing them of the process required to install markers in landmarked cemeteries. Hitzroth stated there could be a whole range of odd memorial markers cropping up as people tried to recognize those with unmarked graves. Rich feels the lack of documentation on the exact location of the burials should be clarified on the marker. McCroskey prefers to call it a memorial, rather than a headstone, as it is not placed at the burial location. She also feels this information should be added to the landmark nomination. Hitzroth prefers the marker state that no one knows for sure where they're buried. Kelly asked if there are more memorials at the cemetery and Bouton responded that there were several. Rich questioned if this memorial should be located with the others, but Bouton feels it is near one of the relatives and that this location is better than at the other end of the cemetery with the non-specific memorials.

Hitzroth moved to approve COA 1207 as recommended by the design review committee with the addition of language or a plaque indicating the exact burial site is unknown. Staff is to work with the applicant and the owner to determine the appropriate language for this condition. The motion passed unanimously.

- **McClellan Building (COA 1208)** to install new signage

Scott briefly described the project and indicated that it was replacing another sign for a failed business at that location. The sign is of similar size and style of the current one.

Rich moved to approve COA 1208 as recommended by the design review committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Koler announced that the final presentation for the Vashon Storefront Studio would be June 1st at the Land Trust Building. Scott indicated there would be a rededication of Earthworks Park and a bike tour of several earthworks in the Green River Valley on June 2. He also indicated that the Reard House in Sammamish would be moved the morning of June 3. Rich indicated he is now on the regional board for the Association for Preservation Technology and there would be a conference in Roslyn in 2013. He is planning a couple of sessions for small town issues involving windows and cemeteries. Kelly announced that a Vashon property, the Portage Store has been placed on a watch list for endangered properties, as it is scheduled to go on the auction block. Koler indicated she had been following the property closely and will keep everyone informed of any activity. Koler also indicated there was the likelihood that things could begin happening with the Mukai landmark on Vashon as well. A new board is likely to form and they could begin seeking funding to do a restoration. Chouinard encouraged everyone to watch “The Hatfields and the McCoys” on History Channel. It was filmed by his friend and a local resident, Kevin Reynolds.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.